



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications

Memorandum

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From: Clayton Northgraves, Director, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications

To: Municipalities and Public Safety Partners on the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN)

Subject: CLMRN Use for School Transportation

DESPP recognizes that municipalities may have unique public safety needs that may require use of the CLMRN. One area of concern may be the need to respond to emergencies involving school transportation. However, excessive use of the CLMRN can impact capacity on the network for other users. DESPP frequently monitors the amount of traffic on the network (e.g., number of push-to-talks, length of transmissions, etc.) as a means to maintain operational capacity. To this end, the CLMRN is not designed to support routine school bus operations.

In an effort to support the public safety needs of Connecticut municipalities, the Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications shall review requests to use the CLMRN by municipalities for school transportation on a case-by-case basis. Requests for this and other proposed uses of the CLMRN must be submitted in writing to the DESPP Connecticut Telecommunications System (CTS) Unit. The Division shall approve requests based on the following:

1. The Request must contain details of proposed and normal day-to-day communication scenarios, including:
 - a. the proposed geographic area of operation;
 - b. the proposed acceptable circumstances for communication;
 - c. the proposed number of subscriber units authorized in the fleet; and
 - d. the current and projected system loading.
2. The municipality, in writing, shall demonstrate how use of the CLMRN will be restricted to critical communications related to:
 - a. immediate safety of life and
 - b. interoperability with public safety agencies such as police, fire, emergency medical services, or public works.

Final decisions rendered are not subject to appeal. Written requests can be e-mailed to the CTS Unit at: P25@ct.gov. Additional information may be requested by contacting P25@ct.gov.

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